

**RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH
PETER JOHANSEN- SR. DIRECTOR OF MARINE OPERATIONS
NY WATERWAY
DATED MARCH 14, 2001**

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Record of Telephone Interview

Date: March 14, 2001
Place: Telephone interview
Person Interviewed: Mr. Peter Johansen
Senior Director of Marine Operations
Interview Conducted By: Robert B. Ford
Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Peter Johansen was interviewed by telephone in conjunction with the Marine Board of Investigation concerning the fire on the NY Waterways vessel *Port Imperial Manhattan*. The text that follows is not a verbatim record of the conversation. It has been developed from my handwritten notes of the conversation and is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

INTERVIEW

Mr. Johansen stated that the repair estimate to the Port Imperial Manhattan was \$1.2 million. No decision had been made whether to replace or repair the Manhattan.

Mr. Johansen stated that the company had received the report from a private fire investigator as to the probable cause of the fire. He stated that he would forward a copy.

To Mr. Johansen's knowledge, none of the crew or passengers reported any additional injuries as a result of the fire.

Ferry captains are not provided cell phones. The cellular telephones that were used on the vessel on the night of the accident belonged to one deckhand and

some of the passengers.

NY Waterway now have passenger counts transmitted to company ticket offices by VHF radiotelephone prior to the vessel departing, in accordance with Coast Guard regulations.

Mr. Johansen stated that the company coordinated the evacuation of passengers and crew with the *George Washington*.

END OF INTERVIEW

Robert B. Ford